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ANNUAL REPORTS
of the
Town Officers
of
Francestown, N. H.
for the
Year Ending December 31, 1969

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator: — William C. MacAdam

Selectmen: — R. Franklin Mace, Donald E. Hoyt, Walter C. Dodge

Town Clerk: — Herman C. Miller

Treasurer: — Herman C. Miller

Tax Collector: — Catherine H. Abbot Term expires 1971

Supervisors of the Checklist: — Eula Hardwick, William A. Lord,
Israel H. Vadney, Jr.

Road Agent: — Robert M. Foote

Overseer of Public Welfare: — R. Franklin Mace

Trustees of Trust Funds: —

Clifton Foote	Term expires 1970
F. Russell Abbott	Term expires 1971
Harold A. Varnum	Term expires 1972

Firewards: — Clifton Foote, Richard Leavitt, Norman Muzzey,
Norman Stewart, Lawrence Kullgren

Library Trustees: —

Constance Dodge	Term expires 1970
Donald Born	Term expires 1971
Priscilla Kunhardt	Term expires 1972

Cemetery Commission: —

Stanley Rainey (replaced Francis Abbott, resigned)	Term expires 1970
Israel H. Vadney, Jr.	Term expires 1971
Dorothy L. Miller	Term expires 1972

Board of Adjustment: —

Robert F. Caskie, Jr.	Term expires 1970
F. Russell Abbott	Term expires 1971
Alfred Lonnberg	Term expires 1972
Harold A. Varnum	Term expires 1973

Civil Defense Director: — Donald E. Hoyt

Police: — Chief, Norman Stewart; Constables, Richard Leavitt,
Lawrence Kullgren; Special Officers, Selectmen

Planning Board: —

Robert Duncan	Term expires 1970
Blake Tewksbury	Term expires 1971
Eula Hardwick	Term expires 1972
Royal Cleaves	Term expires 1973
Harold Varnum	Term expires 1974
Phillip Ireland, Chairman	Term expires 1975
R. Franklin Mace	Ex-officio

Advisory Board: — F. Russell Abbott, Robert F. Caskie, Jr.,
Allen Thulander, John Underhill, Edwin Irwin, Harold
Varnum

Bicentennial and Town History Committee: — Clarence Farrar,
Clifton Foote, Donald A. Marsden, Arthur Lord, Evelyn
Vadney, Constance Dodge, John Schott
Conservation Commission: — Priscilla Kunhardt, Naomi
Lord, Liesel Gilman

Historian: — Constance Dodge

School Board: — Louis Wiederhold, M.D.

Highway Safety Committee: — Norman Stewart, Edward Irwin,
Allen Thulander, Norman Muzzey, Louis Wiederhold, M.D.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1 to December 31, 1970 Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1969 to December 31, 1969.

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1969	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1969	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1970
From State:			
Interest & dividends tax	\$15,874.00	\$15,874.38	\$16,000.00
Savings bank tax	670.00	670.00	700.00
Meals and rooms tax	1,530.00	1,529.90	1,550.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog licenses	400.00	380.10	400.00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	50.00	47.00	50.00
Rent of town hall and other buildings	150.00	53.00	75.00
Motor vehicle permits	6,450.00	6,716.52	6,900.00
Sale of town property		300.00	
Withdrawals from capital reserve funds		5.82	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
(a) Poll taxes—regular at \$2	440.00	442.00	450.00
(c) Yield taxes	11.28	11.28	100.00
Total Revenue from All Sources			
Except Property Taxes	<u>\$25,535.28</u>	<u>\$26,023.58</u>	<u>\$26,225.00</u>

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN, N. H.

Purposes of Expenditures	Appropriations Previous Year 1969	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1969	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1970
General Government:			
Town officers' salaries	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,257.82	\$ 2,400.00
Town officers' expenses	1,400.00	1,508.90	1,600.00
Election & registration expenses	120.00	124.21	180.00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	1,700.00	986.46	1,200.00
Employees' retirement and social security	175.00	330.20	250.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police department	800.00	858.97	1,000.00
Fire department	1,595.00	1,659.00	1,683.80
Moth exterm.—Blister rust and care of tree	125.00	205.00	250.80
Insurance	2,000.00	2,175.50	2,300.00
Planning and zoning	50.00	67.39	125.00
Damages and legal expenses	50.00		300.00
Health:			
Vital statistics	10.00	10.75	10.00
Town dump & garbage removal	700.00	658.00	675.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town maintenance—summer	10,000.00	9,891.61	10,000.00
Town maintenance—winter	17,000.00	21,584.88	12,000.00
Street lighting	728.88	658.92	728.88
General expenses of highway dept.	5,250.00	5,603.76	2,000.00
Town road aid (Town's share)	1,213.17	1,213.17	1,380.24
Libraries	2,609.00	2,609.00	3,112.00
Public Welfare:			
Town poor		68.11	
Old age assistance	1,170.00	852.50	600.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	10.00		10.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	300.00	300.00	300.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	322.00	347.21	322.00
Interest:			
On temporary loans		1,040.30	1,800.00
On long term notes & bonds	1,006.00	1,008.53	776.62
Outlay for new construction and permanent improvements::			
Highways and Bridges:			
State Aid Construction— Duncan Fund	4,927.03	6,166.95	5,204.99
Payments on Principal of Debt:			
(b) Long term notes	6,500.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
(c) Payments to capital reserve funds	200.00	200.00	300.00
(d) Deficit of previous year		2,963.67	
County Taxes	9,500.00	11,952.42	12,000.00
School Taxes	108,009.00	102,630.37	112,498.00
Total Expenditures	\$179,560.08	\$185,933.60	\$181,006.53

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Francestown in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Francestown on Tuesday, the tenth day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow a sufficient sum of money to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes, or take any action relating thereto.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$300.00 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of defraying expenses to be incurred in up-dating the Town History and in celebrating the Town's Bicentennial Anniversary, or take any action relating thereto.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be put in the Capital Reserve Fund for future Road Equipment, or take any action relating thereto.

6. To see if the Town will vote to accept from the Francestown Improvement Society, a parcel of land described in a deed recorded in Vol. 956 Page 135, or take any other action relating thereto.

7. To see if the Town will vote to have the property assessments on all land and buildings published annually or take any other action relating thereto.

8. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) to purchase two Radio Monitor sets, or take any other action relating thereto.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), said sum to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for future replacement of Fire Trucks, or take any other action relating thereto.

Given under our hands and seal, this sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy.

R. Franklin Mace,
Donald E. Hoyt,
Walter C. Dodge,
Selectmen of Francestown

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

R. Franklin Mace,
Donald E. Hoyt,
Walter C. Dodge,
Selectmen of Francestown

FRANCESTOWN TOWN MEETING

March 11, 1969

Art. 1 Town Officers Elected:

Town Clerk — Herman C. Miller

Town Treasurer — Herman C. Miller

Selectman 3 years — Walter C. Dodge

Highway Agent — Robert M. Foote

Tax Collector 3 years — Catherine H. Abbott

Library Trustee 3 years — Priscilla H. Kunhardt

Library Trustee 2 years — Donald Born

Library Trustee 1 year — Constance Dodge

Trustee of Trust Funds 3 years — Harold A. Varnum

Cemetery Commissioner 3 years — Dorothy L. Miller

Firewards (Elect 5) — Clifton F. Foote, Lawrence R. Kullgren, Richard F. Leavitt, Norman C. Muzzey, Norman J. Stewart

Overseer of Public Welfare — R. Franklin Mace

Art. 2. Amended Budget

Town Officers' Salaries	\$2,100 00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,400 00
Election and registration expenses	120 00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	1,700 00
Employees' retirement and Social Security	175 00
Police department	800 00
Fire department	1,595 00
Moth exterm. — Blister Rust and Care of Trees	125 00
Insurance	2,000 00
Planning and Zoning	50 00
Damages and legal expenses	50 00
Vital statistics	10 00
Town dump & garbage removal	700 00
Town maintenance — summer	10,000 00
Town maintenance — winter	17,000 00
Street lighting	728 88
General expenses of Highway Dept.	1,250 00
Town road aid — Class V Highways	4,927 03
Libraries	2,609 00
Old age assistance	1,170 00

Cemeteries	300 00
Advertising & Regional Associations	322 00
Interest on long term notes and bonds	1,006 00
State aid construction, town share	1,213 17
Payments on Principal of Debt:	
(b) Long term notes	6,500 00
County Taxes	9,500 00
School Taxes	108,009 00

Art. 3. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to borrow a sufficient sum of money to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 4. Voted to table this article until an adjourned meeting to be held May 15, at 7:30 p. m. and that the advisory board is to study the situation and report to the meeting with specific recommendations.

Voted to change the date of adjourned meeting to Wednesday, April 2, at 7:30 p. m.

Art. 5. Voted to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$637.00 for the purchase of a new mobile police radio conforming to the new State Police regulations.

Art. 6. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell the Diamond T pumper, and said sum from the sale to be placed in the capital reserve fund for Replacement of Fire Trucks.

Art. 7. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00, said sum to be placed in the capital reserve fund for Replacement of Fire Department Radios.

Art. 8. Voted to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$3,500.00 for the replacement of the so-called Bicknell Bridge.

Art. 9. Voted to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2,500.00 for the re-roofing of the George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library.

Art. 10. No business to transact.

Respectfully submitted,
Herman C. Miller, Town Clerk

ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING

April 2, 1969

Letter pertaining to seating of selectmen at Town Meeting at table in front of hall by Louis K. Edwards read and written into the Records.

Art. 4. Action on this article indefinitely postponed.

Budget items changed.

Town Dump from \$700.00 to \$800.00

General Expense of Highway from \$1,250.00 to \$5,250.00 and that any balance of the extra \$4,000.00 left over to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for Road Equipment.

Voted to have the Selectmen have the Road Agent gravel between the small lawn in front of the Town Hall to the first post on the fence.

After the meeting a very fine and informative talk was given by David L. Nixon our Representative to the General Court on the activities of the legislature to date.

April 3, 1969

Respectfully submitted,

Herman C. Miller, Town Clerk

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Description of Property	Valuation
Land — Improved and Unimproved	\$ 852,985 00
Buildings	3,725,425 00
Factory Machinery	6,484 00
Public Utilities — Electric	149,800 00
House Trailers, Mobile Homes and Travel Trailers assessed as Personal Property (2)	6,000 00
Stock in Trade of Merchants	13,520 00
Boats and Launches (12)	4,160 00
Dairy Cows (170)	25,510 00
Other Cattle (50)	10,226 00
Poultry (4,000)	1,000 00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	500 00
Road Building and Construction Machinery	1,102 00
	—————
Total Valuation before exemptions allowed	\$4,796,712 00
Blind Exemptions	\$1,000 00
Neatstock Exemptions	5,326 00
Poultry Exemptions	300 00
Total Exemptions Allowed	————— 6,626 00
	—————
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is computed	\$4,790,086 00

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date: August 8, 1969

R. Franklin Mace,
Donald E. Hoyt,
Walter C. Dodge,
Selectmen of Francestown

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

January 15, 1970

Board of Selectmen
Francestown
New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of an examination and audit of the accounts of the Town of Francestown for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1969 which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the Town. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

One of the enclosed audits must be given the Town Clerk as part of the permanent records.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Library Treasurer, Cemetery Commission, Fire Department and Trustees of Trust Funds.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Comparative Balance Sheets: December 31, 1968—December 31, 1969: (Exhibit A-1)

Comparative Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1968 and December 31, 1969, are presented in Exhibit A-1. As indicated therein the Net Debt decreased \$3,536.33 during 1969.

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition: (Exhibit A-2)

An analysis of the change in financial condition of the Town during the year is made in Exhibit A-2, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein. These were as follows:

<i>Decrease in Net Debt</i>	
Long Term Notes Paid	\$6,500.00

<i>Increase in Net Debt</i>	
Net Budget Deficit	2,963.67
Net Decrease	<hr/> \$3,536.33

*Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures—
Estimated and Actual Revenues: (Exhibits A-3 and A-4)*

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1969, are presented in Exhibits A-3 and A-4. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit A-4), a net overdraft of appropriations of \$3,557.10 plus a revenue surplus of \$593.43 resulted in a net budget Deficit of \$2,963.67.

Summary Statement of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit B-1)

A summary statement of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1969, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit B-1. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1969, is indicated in Exhibit B-2.

AUDIT PROCEDURE

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited. Vouchers and cancelled checks were compared with supporting invoices and payrolls as well as entries in the books of record. Receipts were checked by source insofar as possible and totals of receipts and expenditures verified. Book balances were verified by comparison with reconciled bank balances made from statements obtained from depository banks. Verification of uncollected taxes was made by mailing notices

to delinquent taxpayers as indicated by the collector's records. The amounts of uncollected and redeemed taxes as indicated in this report are therefore subject to any changes which may be necessitated by the return of verification notices.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Current Surplus:

The current surplus (excess of total assets over current liabilities) decreased from \$9,865.97 to \$6,902.30 during the fiscal year ended December 31, 1969, as shown herewith:

	December 31, 1968	December 31, 1969
Total Assets	\$78,765.66	\$68,034.82
Current Liabilities	68,899.69	61,132.52
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Current Surplus	\$ 9,865.97	\$ 6,902.30

Conclusion:

The provisions of Chapter 184 of the Laws of 1955, require that the summary of findings and recommendations (letter of transmittal) of the report shall be published in the next annual report of the Town.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Frances-town for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Very truly yours,

O. Maurice Oleson, Director
Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission

OMO:cc
Stephen D. Plodzik, Auditor
John J. Durr, Jr.,
Robert E. Sanderson,
Accountants

**DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION
Concord, New Hampshire**

January 15, 1970

Certificate of Audit

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Francestown for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1969.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the Exhibits included herewith present fairly the financial condition of the Town of Francestown as of December 31, 1969, together with the results of operations for the fiscal year ended on that date.

Respectfully submitted,

O. Maurice Oleson, Director
Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission

OMO:cc

Stephen D. Plodzick, Auditor

John J. Durr, Jr.,

Robert E. Sanderson,

Accountants

EXHIBIT A-1 TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

Comparative Balance Sheets As of December 31, 1968 and December 31, 1969

Assets	December 31, 1968	December 31, 1969
Cash:		
Treasurer	\$ 46,209.06	\$ 28,235.97
Tax Collector—a/c		
Property Taxes	570.22	
Library—General Fund		
(Contra)	171.60	
Fire Department		
(Contra)		382.67
	<u>\$ 46,950.88</u>	<u>\$ 28,618.64</u>
Capital Reserve Funds (Contra)	11,020.83	12,165.71
Due from State of New Hampshire:		
Bounties	2.50	1.00
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1968	\$	\$ 118.26
Levy of 1967	203.60	
Levy of 1965	45.83	45.83
	<u>249.43</u>	<u>164.09</u>
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1969	\$	\$ 26,885.38
Levy of 1968	20,270.02	
Levy of 1967	2.00	
	<u>20,272.02</u>	<u>26,885.38</u>
Uncollected State Head Taxes:		
Current Year	\$ 265.00	\$ 200.00
Prior Year	5.00	
	<u>270.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 78,765.66</u>	<u>\$ 68,034.82</u>
Net Debt	<u>21,259.03</u>	<u>17,722.70</u>
Total Assets & Net Debt	<u>\$100,024.69</u>	<u>\$ 85,757.52</u>

Liabilities	December 31, 1968	December 31, 1969
Appropriations Forwarded:		
Schools	\$ 44,508.37	\$ 45,975.30
Class V Highway		
Maintenance	1,472.13	232.21
New Town Beach		
(Article 16)	108.57	108.57

Planning & Zoning	25.00		7.61
Town Maintenance—			
Summer	261.26		
New Equipment—			
Fire Truck	10,960.85		
Town Hall & Building			
Maintenance		713.54	
Town Dump		142.00	
Street Lighting		69.96	
Principal of Debt		500.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 57,336.18	<hr/>
			\$ 47,749.19
Due Tax Collector—			
Error in Remittance		30.07	30.07
Capital Reserve Funds			
(Contra)	11,020.83		12,165.71
Library—General Fund			
(Contra)	171.60		
Fire Department (Contra)			382.67
Due State of New Hampshire:			
Head Taxes—			
Uncollected	\$ 265.00	\$ 200.00	
Head Taxes—Collected			
Not Remitted	32.50	603.00	
Yield Taxes—Collected			
Not Remitted	43.51	1.88	
	<hr/>	341.01	<hr/>
			804.88
Outstanding Indebtedness:			
Long Term Notes		31,125.00	24,625.00
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Total Liabilities		\$100,024.69	\$ 85,757.52

EXHIBIT A-2
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Analysis of Change in Financial Condition
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1969

Net Debt—December 31, 1968	\$21,259.03	
Net Debt—December 31, 1969	17,722.70	
	<hr/>	
Decrease in Net Debt		\$3,536.33
		<hr/>
<i>Analysis of Change</i>		
<i>Decreases:</i>		
Long Term Notes Paid	\$ 6,500.00	
<i>Increases:</i>		
Net Budget Deficit	2,963.67	
	<hr/>	
Net Decrease		\$3,536.33

EXHIBIT A-3

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1969

	Appropriations Forwarded From 1968	Appropriations 1969	Receipts And Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures 1969	Unexpended	Balances Overdrafts	Appropriations Forwarded To 1970
Town Officers' Salaries		\$ 2,100.00	\$	2,100.00	\$ 2,257.82	\$	\$ 157.82	\$
Town Office Administrative Expenses		1,400.00		1,400.00	1,508.90		108.90	
Election & Registration		120.00		120.00	124.21		4.21	
Town Hall & Buildings Maintenance		1,700.00		1,700.00	986.46			713.54
Social Security & Retirement Cont.		175.00	76.80	251.80	330.20		78.40	
Police Department		800.00		800.00	858.97		58.97	
Fire Department		1,595.00	26.06	1,621.06	1,659.00		37.94	
Blister Rust & Care of Trees		125.00		125.00	205.00		80.00	
Insurance		2,000.00		2,000.00	2,175.50		175.50	
Planning & Zoning	25.00	50.00		75.00	67.39	50.00		7.61
Damages & Legal Expenses		50.00		50.00				
Vital Statistics		10.00		10.00	10.75		.75	
Dump		800.00		800.00	658.00			142.00
Town Maintenance -- Summer	261.26	10,000.00	242.05	10,503.31	9,891.61	611.70		
-- Winter		17,000.00		17,000.00	21,584.88		4,584.88	
Street Lighting		728.88		728.88	658.92			69.96
General Expenses of Highway Department		5,250.00	161.95	5,411.95	5,603.76		191.81	
Class V Highway Maintenance	1,472.13		4,927.03	6,399.16	6,166.95			232.21

Town Road Aid	1,213.17	1,213.17	1,213.17	
Libraries	2,609.00	2,609.00	2,609.00	
Old Age Assistance and Town Poor	1,170.00	1,170.00	920.61	249.39
Cemeteries	300.00	300.00	300.00	
Advertising and Regional Association	322.00	322.00	347.21	25.21
New Construction – Bridges	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,363.35	136.65
Principal of Debt	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,000.00	
Interest on Debt	1,006.00	1,006.00	2,048.83	
Capital Reserve Fund	200.00	(*) 300.00	500.00	1,042.83
New Equipment – Police Radio	637.00	637.00	637.00	
Library Roof	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,890.00	610.00
School Tax	44,508.37	148,605.67	102,630.37	
County Tax	11,952.42	11,952.42	11,952.42	45,975.30
Overlay	2,019.55	2,019.55	618.02	1,401.53
Fence – New Town Beach	108.57	108.57		108.57
New Fire Truck and Equipment	10,960.85	10,960.85	11,030.00	
War Service Tax Credits	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	69.15
	<u>\$57,336.18</u>	<u>\$184,180.32</u>	<u>\$ 5,733.89</u>	<u>\$ 3,059.27</u>
			<u>\$ 6,616.37</u>	<u>\$ 47,749.19</u>

(*) Proceeds from Sale of Fire Truck

EXHIBIT A-4

Comparative Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues and Budget Summary Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1969

	Revenues			
	Estimated	Actual	Excess	Deficit
Interest & Dividends				
Tax	\$15,874.00	\$15,874.38	\$.38	\$
Savings Bank Tax	670.00	670.00		
Meals and Rooms Tax	1,530.00	1,529.90		.10
Yield Tax Revenue	11.28	9.40		1.88
Interest Received on Taxes	350.00	374.31	24.31	
Business Licenses, Permits and Fees	50.00	47.00		3.00
Dog Licenses	400.00	380.10		19.90
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	6,450.00	6,710.10	260.10	
Rent of Town Property	150.00	53.00		97.00
Commission on State Head Taxes	145.00	132.00		13.00
Added Taxes		443.52	443.52	
	<u>\$25,630.28</u>	<u>\$26,223.71</u>	<u>\$ 728.31</u>	<u>\$ 134.88</u>

Budget Summary

Overdrafts of Appropriations	\$ 6,616.37		
Unexpended Balances of Appropriations	3,059.27		
Net Overdraft of Appropriations		\$3,557.10	
Actual Revenues	\$26,223.71		
Estimated Revenues	<u>25,630.28</u>		
Net Revenue Surplus		<u>593.43</u>	
Net Budget Deficit			\$2,963.67

EXHIBIT B-1
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1969

Receipts

Current Revenues:

Local Taxes:

Current Year:

Property Taxes	\$128,909.82	
Poll Taxes	442.00	
Yield Taxes	11.28	
State Head Taxes	1,320.00	
	<hr/>	\$130,683.10

Prior Years:

Property Taxes	\$ 20,742.24	
Poll Taxes	92.00	
Head Taxes	260.00	
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21,094.24

Tax Sales Redeemed		203.60
Interest on Taxes	374.31	
State Head Tax Penalties	27.50	

State of New Hampshire:

Interest & Dividend Tax	\$ 15,874.38	
Savings Bank Tax	670.00	
Fighting Forest Fires	26.06	
Bounties	2.50	
Meals & Rooms Tax	1,529.90	
Class V Highways	4,927.03	
	<hr/>	23,029.87

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	\$ 380.10	
Business Licenses, Permits & Fees	47.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	6,716.52	
Rent of Town Property	53.00	
	<hr/>	7,196.62

Total Current Revenue Receipts	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$182,609.24	

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Temporary Loans in Anticipation of

Taxes	\$ 40,000.00
New Trust Funds (Contra)	175.00
Sale of Fire Truck — To Capital Reserve Fund	300.00
Bicentennial Fund — From Capital Reserve (Contra)	5.82

40,480.82

Appropriation Credits:

Summer Maintenance	\$ 242.05
Social Security — Taxes	76.80
General Expense of Highway	161.95

480.80

Total Receipts From All Sources

\$223,570.86

Balance — January 1, 1969

46,209.06

Grand Total

\$269,779.92

*Expenditures**General Government:*

Town Officers' Expenses	1,508.90
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,257.82
Election & Registration	124.21
Expenses of Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	986.46

\$ 4,877.39

Protection of Persons & Property:

Police Department	\$ 858.97
Fire Department	1,659.00
Blister Rust & Care of Trees	205.00
Insurance	2,175.50
Bounties	1.00

4,899.47

Health:

Vital Statistics	\$ 10.75
Town Dump & Garbage Collection	658.00

668.75

Highways & Bridges:

Town Road Aid	\$ 1,213.17
Town Maintenance—	
Summer	9,891.61
Winter	21,584.88
Street Lighting	658.92

General Expenses of Highway		
Department	5,603.76	
Class V Highway Maintenance	6,166.95	
	<hr/>	45,119.29
<i>Libraries:</i>		
General Appropriation		\$ 2,609.00
<i>Public Welfare:</i>		
Old Age Assistance	\$ 852.50	
Town Poor	68.11	
	<hr/>	920.61
<i>Public Service Enterprises:</i>		
Cemeteries		300.00
<i>New Construction, Equipment & Improvements:</i>		
Library Roof—		
Special Appropriation	\$ 1,890.00	
Bricknell Bridge	3,363.35	
New Equipment—Fire Truck	11,030.00	
New Equipment—Police Radio	637.00	
	<hr/>	16,920.35
<i>Unclassified:</i>		
Social Security & Retirement	\$ 330.20	
Taxes Bought by Town	118.26	
Advertising & Regional Associations	347.21	
Planning and Zoning	67.39	
Bicentennial—Printing (Contra)	5.82	
<i>Discounts, Abatements & Refunds:</i>		
Property Taxes	\$69.66	
Head Taxes	30.00	
Poll Taxes	4.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit	6.42	
	<hr/>	110.08
	<hr/>	978.96
<i>Interest:</i>		
On Temporary Loans	\$ 1,040.30	
On Long Term Notes	1,008.53	
	<hr/>	2,048.83
<i>Indebtedness:</i>		
Temporary Loans Paid	\$ 40,000.000	
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds	500.00	
Long Term Notes Paid	6,000.00	
New Trust Funds (Contra)	175.00	
	<hr/>	46,675.00

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

State Head Taxes	\$ 900.00	
County Tax	11,952.42	
School District Tax	102,630.37	
Yield Taxes	43.51	
	<hr/>	\$115,526.30
Total Expenditures For All Purposes		<hr/> \$241,543.95
Balance—December 31, 1969		28,235.97
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Grand Total		\$269,779.92

EXHIBIT B-2
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Summary of Receipts, Expenditures and
Proof of Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1969

Balance—January 1, 1969	\$ 46,209.06	
Receipts During Year	223,570.86	
	<hr/>	\$269,779.92
Expenditures During Year		241,543.95
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Balance—December 31, 1969		\$ 28,235.97

Proof of Balance

Balance in The Souhegan National Bank,		
Milford—Per Statement December 31, 1969	\$ 81,115.87	
Add: Deposit in Transit	1,191.42	
	<hr/>	\$ 82,307.29
Less: Outstanding Checks	54,071.32	
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Reconciled Balance—December 31, 1969		\$ 28,235.97

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TREASURER

Balance in Treasury, January 1, 1969	\$ 46,209.06
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Catherine H. Abbott, Tax Collector:

1967 Tax Sales Redeemed	203.60
1967 Interest & Costs After Sale	13.33
	216.93

1968 Reg. Polls	92.00
1968 Property Tax	20,742.24
1968 Head Tax & Penalties	284.50
1968 Interest	353.88
	21,472.62

1969 Reg. Polls	442.00
1969 Prop. Tax	128,909.44
1969 Head Tax & Penalties	1,323.00
1969 Interest	7.48
1969 Yield Taxes	11.28
	130,693.20

Herman C. Miller, Clerk:

Auto Permits	6,716.52
Dog Taxes	380.10
Filing Fees	7.00
	7,103.62

Loans:

Souhegan National Bank (Short Term)	40,000.00
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Rentals:

Town Hall	53.00
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State of New Hampshire:

Bounties	2.50
Class V Highways	4,927.03
Interest & Dividends & Savings Bank Tax	16,544.38
Forest Fire Bill	26.06
Rooms & Meals Tax	1,529.90
	23,029.87

Unclassified:	
Building Permits	26.00
Pistol Permits	8.00
Business & Junkyard Permits	6.00
G. H. Bixby Memorial Library, Social Security	
Withholding	76.80
Wm. Barss Constr. Co., Diesel Fuel from	
Highway Supply	5.10
Robert M. Foote, Gas	79.95
Fracestown Fire Dept., Gas	13.80
Antrim Fire Dept., Sale of Fire Truck	300.00
Everett Phillips, Cemetery Lot	25.00
Everett Phillips, Perpetual Care	100.00
Carl G. Freese, Cold Patch	5.00
E. J. Townes, Fuel Oil	5.95
A. W. Peters, Refund Overpayment	57.15
Robert Duncan, Repairing Culvert	72.00
Stanley Rainey, Bridge Planks	40.00
George Foster, Tarring Driveway	53.60
Robert Behrsing, Tarring Driveway	19.60
James Wiedman, Tarring Driveway	36.60
George E. B. Hill, Cemetery Lot	50.00
Frances B. Hall, Sidewalk	15.25
Trustees of Trust Funds, Town History Fund	5.82
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	1,001.62
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Total Receipts	\$269,779.92
Total Payments	241,543.95
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Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1969	\$ 28,235.97

Respectfully submitted,

Herman C. Miller

Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries:

R. Franklin Mace, Selectman	\$ 270.00
Donald E. Hoyt, Selectman	270.00
Walter C. Dodge, Selectman	270.00
Catherine H. Abbott, Tax Collector	760.82
Herman C. Miller, Treasurer	150.00
Herman C. Miller, Clerk	537.00
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	\$2,257.82

Town Hall and Other Buildings:

Fuel Oil	\$ 509.25
Lights	178.41
Repairs	12.50
Winding Clock	25.00
Mowing Common	123.50
Repairs to Clock	75.00
Janitor	59.50
Supplies	3.30
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	\$ 986.46

Town Dump:

George Houghton	\$ 612.00
Gerald Miller	32.00
Clayton Foote	14.00
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	\$ 658.00

Town Officers Expenses

New Hampshire Assessors Assoc. Dues	\$ 5.00
New Hampshire Clerks Assoc. Dues	6.00
New Hampshire Tax Collectors Assoc. Dues	5.00
Shirley Jones, typing	3.00
Transcript Printing — ballots	29.00
Register of Deeds	7.18
Cabinet Press, Printing Town Report	527.71
Postmaster — Stamps	50.28
Wallace Jones — calculator and entries	25.00
Brauham Publishing Co., Auto Reference list	9.40
State of N.H. Book reports	6.36

Tax Commission, auditing books	406.74
Harry Humphrey, lease of beach	1.00
I. H. Vadney, Misc. supplies	1.10
Wheeler and Clark, Dog tags	20.20
Office Machine Co. of N.H. — Repair adding machine	31.11
Barrett and Neal, Filing Cabinet, Trustees of Trust Funds	205.20
Franklin Mace, Misc. Expense, telephone	8.80
Brown and Saltermarsh, Checks and Tax Forms	117.10
Rent of Post Office Box	3.60
Herman Miller, Forms and misc. supplies	40.30
Total	<hr/> \$1,508.90

Election and Registration Expenses:

Gladys Vadney, Ballot Clerk	\$ 5.00
Shirley Jones, Ballot Clerk	5.00
Winnifred Hoyt, Ballot Clerk	5.00
I. H. Vadney, Supervisor of Checklist	10.00
Eula Hardwick, Supervisor of Checklist	10.00
William Lord, Supervisor of Checklist	10.00
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	\$ 45.00
Planning and Zoning	\$ 67.39

Highways — Summer:

	Labor	Equipment
Robert M. Foote	\$ 1,917.50	\$ 2,064.85
Bradley Peterson	64.75	
Clayton Foote	70.00	
Clayton Philbrick	75.25	
Charles Philbrick	224.00	
David Paige	7.00	
Bryce Dutton	632.25	
Wilfred Foote	69.00	331.40
Walter Foote	22.00	
George Vadney	99.00	
Roland Breault	14.00	
Vernon Meatty	105.00	
Robert Murray	32.00	
Willard Archibald		296.00
Floyd Cornwell		731.40

	Labor	Equipment
Ed Parks	56.00	
Arthur Houghton		216.00
Crotched Mt. Dev. Corp.		56.00
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	\$ 3,387.75	\$ 3,695.65

Supplies:

Nina Abbott, Gravel	\$ 64.80
Lorden Lumber Co., Plank	46.70
Milford Asphalt	204.75
Ray Road Equipment	326.06
Mary Cilley, Sand	30.20
Beede Oil Co., Road Oil	564.00
Trimount Bituminous, Tar	1,475.91
I. H. Vadney, misc.	13.39
C. N. Eggert, Gravel	12.00
Eula Hardwick, Gravel	35.40
Robert Bragdon, Chain	35.00
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	\$2,808.21

Summer Highways Total	\$ 9,891.61
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Highways — Winter:

Stanley A. Rainey	\$1,551.25	\$ 308.00
Robert M. Foote	860.00	1,287.05
Clayton Foote	226.00	36.00
Wilfred Foote	56.80	838.40
Israel Vadney	14.00	
Royal Cleaves		44.00
Ernest Merrill	517.12	
Francis Abbott	21.40	
Lawrence Kullgren	128.00	
Clyde Cilley	35.00	
Clarence Paige	489.00	
Kris Stewart	29.15	
Gerald Lehman	35.20	
Allie Lavallee	15.05	
Floyd Cornwell		2,456.85
Norman Stewart	7.00	
Barss Constr.		1,795.05
E. J. Townes		663.00
Clayton Foote, Jr.	134.75	

	Labor	Equipment
Herman Miller	4.00	
Michael Abbott	46.00	
Lussier Constr.		150.00
George Morgan	28.00	
B. & R. Rental Equip.		4,000.00
Scott Dutton	45.50	
Richard Hoyt	124.77	
Walter Foote	12.00	
David Paige	318.57	
Harry Varnum	36.00	
Jerry Cilley	48.00	
Bradley Peterson	204.10	
Norman Muzzey		46.75
Clayton Philbrick	157.50	
Daniels Garage		1,068.50
James Roantree		57.45
Warren Murdo	54.00	
Robert Bragdon		59.00
Vernon Meatty	178.75	
Crotched Mt. Dev. Corp.		197.70
Charles Mann		338.75
Ralph Rokes		5.00
Charles Philbrick	376.25	
Ed Parks	22.75	
George Cullen	22.00	
	<hr/> \$5,797.91	<hr/> \$13,351.50
Misc. Supplies & Repairs:		
Gas, etc.	\$ 21.40	
Sand	5.00	
Repair Grader	24.43	
Oil & Grease	31.74	
Salt	1,827.17	
Welding	78.50	
Repairs	36.75	
Plow Blades	140.57	
Gasoline Pump	265.34	
Parts for Payloader	4.57	
	<hr/> \$2,435.47	
Winter Highways Total		\$21,584.88

	Labor	Equipment
Duncan Fund:		
Robert M. Foote	\$ 509.50	\$ 940.20
George Vadney	132.00	
David Paige	7.00	
Leo St. John		168.00
Roland Breault	42.00	
LaFleur		1,571.50
Floyd Cornwell		427.00
Charles Philbrick	59.50	
Meatty	150.75	
Bellemore		180.90
Goev	28.00	
Somero		97.60
		45.00
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	\$ 928.75	\$3,430.20
Supplies:		
Eula Hardwick, Gravel	\$ 200.00	
North East Culvert	359.98	
Lake Asphalt	1,248.02	
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	\$1,808.00	
Duncan Fund Total		\$6,166.95
Bicknell Bridge:		
Stanley Rainey		\$1,700.00
N. E. Pole & Wood Treating		1,663.35
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		\$3,363.35
General Expenses of Highway:		
Repairs		\$4,499.18
Supplies		67.64
Parts		83.11
Gasoline Pump		102.00
Cold Patch		300.90
Culverts, etc.		314.58
Chain Saw		224.35
Trucking Plank		12.00
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		\$5,603.76

EXHIBIT C-1

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

Summary of Warrants

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1969

	Levies of:		
— DR. —	1969	1968	1967
Cash on Hand—January 1, 1969:			
Property Taxes	\$	\$ 570.22	\$
Uncollected Taxes—January 1, 1969:			
Property Taxes		20,172.02	
Poll Taxes		98.00	2.00
Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property Taxes	155,790.04		
Poll Taxes	510.00		
Yield Taxes	11.28		
Added Taxes:			
Property	427.52		
Poll	8.00	8.00	
Interest Collected	7.10	353.88	
	<u>\$156,753.94</u>	<u>\$21,202.12</u>	<u>\$ 2.00</u>
— CR. —			
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Property Taxes	\$128,909.82	\$20,742.24	\$
Poll Taxes	442.00	92.00	
Yield Taxes	11.28		
Interest	7.10	353.88	
Abatements Allowed:			
Property Taxes	492.36		
Poll Taxes	6.00	14.00	2.00
Uncollected Taxes—December 31, 1969:			
Property Taxes	26,815.38		
Poll Taxes	70.00		
	<u>\$156,753.94</u>	<u>\$21,202.12</u>	<u>\$ 2.00</u>

EXHIBIT C-2
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Summary of Tax Sale Account
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1969

— DR. —	Levies of:		
	1968	1967	1965
Unredeemed Taxes—January 1, 1969	\$	\$	\$
Tax Sale May 3, 1969	118.26	203.60	45.83
Interest & Costs After Sale		13.33	
	<u>\$ 118.26</u>	<u>\$ 216.93</u>	<u>\$ 45.83</u>
— CR. —			
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$	\$	\$
Interests & Costs		203.60	13.33
Unredeemed Taxes—December 31, 1969	118.26		45.83
	<u>\$ 118.26</u>	<u>\$ 216.93</u>	<u>\$ 45.83</u>

EXHIBIT C-3
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Summary of State Head Tax Warrants
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1969

— DR. —	Levies of:		
	1969	1968	1967
Uncollected Head Taxes—January 1, 1969	\$	\$	\$
Head Taxes Committed to Collector	1,550.00	265.00	5.00
Added Taxes During Year	30.00	25.00	
Penalties Collected	3.00	24.50	
	<u>\$ 1,583.00</u>	<u>\$ 314.50</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
— CR. —			
Remittances to Treasurer:			
State Head Taxes	\$ 1,320	\$ 260.00	\$
Penalties	3.00	24.50	
Abatements Allowed	60.00	30.00	5.00
Uncollected Head Taxes—December 31, 1969	200.00		
	<u>\$ 1,583.00</u>	<u>\$ 314.50</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>

List of Unpaid Taxes as of February 1970

Unpaid Property Taxes of Francestown

Colburn, F. H. Co.	Robert and Rhoda Burden
Crotched Mt. Devel. Corp.	Leonard and Annie Bienvenue
William and Merrian Cowles	Robert Beausoleil
Sarah Dustin	John Cahill
Francestown Water & Elec. Co.	Albert Foster
Virginia Fossel	Robert and Louise Foote
Harold and Helen Hammond	Joseph Head
Ethel Kasperson	Virginia Knudson
Joseph B. Ludwig	Duane McDuffee
William and Lois MacAdam	Donald MacDonald
Robert and Carolyn Murray	Thomas McCarthy
William Nichols	William Mullin
James Putnam	Harvey and Vera Paige
Carl Peterson	Thurston Williams
Ralph and Barbara Rokes	Thomas E. Bixby III
Harold Simpson	Martha C. Bixby

Unpaid Head and Poll Taxes of Francestown

Susan Colburn	Lucille Paige
George Cilley	Rachel Smith
Frances Cilley	Robert Smith
Carol Foote	Brendon St. Hillaire
Walter Foote	Kathleen Severance
Leslie Fossel	Donald Severance
James Hadley	Nathan Sanderson
Ralph Harding	Natalie Sanderson
Euretta Harding	Norman Shepard
Lillian Johnston	Beverly Shepard
Ralph Johnston	Harold Simpson
Ethel MacAdam	Virginia Twombly
Carl Peterson	John Torres
Pauline Peterson	Kate Torres
Bradley Peterson	James Wolfe
Clarence Paige	Pamela Wolfe

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Auto Permits, 538 issued		\$6,716 52
Dog Licenses:		
115 Male and Spayed	\$219 50	
14 Female	91 00	
3 Kennel	96 00	
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	\$406 50	
Paid Out: Comm. on 132 licenses	26 40	
	<hr/>	380 10
Filing Fees		7 00
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—Total Receipts		\$7,103 62

Respectfully submitted,

Herman C. Miller,
Town Clerk

FIRE INSURANCE SCHEDULE 1969
Town of Francestown, New Hampshire

BUILDINGS AND CONTENTS

\$10,000. on Library Building
4,000. on Contents of Library
3,500. on Town Garage Building
15,000. on Town Hall Building
500. on Contents of Selectmen's Office
7,000. on Fire Station Building

OTHER PROPERTY AND VEHICLES

\$ 3,500. on Motor Grader
1,000. on Stage Coach
650. on Resuscitator
800. on Two-way Radio and Antenna
2,900. on 1954 International Fire Truck and Equip.
1,550 on 1948 Ford Fire Truck and Equip.
17,500. on 1969 International Fire Truck
Workmen's Compensation on all Town Employees.
Liability and Property Damage on all Town Buildings, Vehicles
and Operations.
Blanket Accident Policy on Fire Department Members.
Burglary and Robbery Policy covering Office of Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN — 1969

Circulation of books and magazines

Ficton	2,004
Non-fiction	1,618
Juvenile	3,095
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Total books	6,717
Magazines	663
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	7,380
Borrowed from Bookmobile (3 visits)	2,880
Borrowed from State Library	210

Library Hours

Wednesday	12:30 - 5
	6:00 - 8
Friday	6:00 - 8
Saturday	2:00 - 5

Our thanks to the following donors of books and magazines: Mrs. Arnold Bailey, Dr. Born, Fred Briscoe, Spikey Cleaves, Alfred Gray, Priscilla Kunhardt, Caroline Lord, Jean Prince, John Schott, Mrs. Starrett, Helmut Sturrow, Dr. Tewksbury, Mrs. Trow, Betsy and Martha Wiederhold, Mr. Wiggin, Ruth Woodworth, Marie Muzzey, Merle Mace and Mrs. Langmaid.

The Library subscribes to the following magazines:

American Girl, Antiques, Boys Life, Curious Naturalist, Down East, Good Housekeeping, Holiday, Horn Book, Horticulture, House and Garden, Ladies Home Journal, Life, McCall's, National Geographic, New Hampshire Profiles, Popular Mechanics, Popular Science, Reader's Digest, School Arts, Seventeen, Sports Illustrated, Time, Vermont Life, Yankee and Peterborough Transcript.

The public sentiment on the new rooms has been complimentary and certainly a thrill for the Library to exhibit and file the books in such a spacious and inviting atmosphere. The rooms are used for varying purposes, while the Children's Reading Alcove is enjoyed by all children.

Through the generosity of RCA and Columbia record Companies, music enthusiasts have benefited: jig saw puzzles were also popular.

The year has been more enjoyable with the capable assistance

of Pamela Irwin and Martha Wiederhold and my continuing gratitude to the Library Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,
Ingeborg Anderson, Librarian

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Our major activity this year has been the completion of the Reading Alcove and the Basement rooms. During the months of January to July, we spent much time trying to keep the confusion and dirt of construction to a minimum and not let library service diminish. We certainly thank everyone for their patience, and at this point, we again thank Mrs. Charles Eggert, our former Trustee, without whose "drive" we would never have launched this project.

National Library Week was April 20 to 26, but because of the work going on, we were unable to celebrate it. However Mr. Donald Born did attend the NLW Luncheon in Concord. (The group sent a petition to President Nixon protesting the proposed cutback in Federal funds under the Library Services and Construction Act.)

Mrs. Dodge, who is our representative to the Southwest District Advisory Council, attended the annual meeting, April 17, at the new Keene office.

Mrs. Anderson attended the N. E. Library Association Public Relations Workshop held in Boston at the Hotel Somerset, April 26.

The NHLA — NHLTA Annual Meetings were held at Plymouth State College, June 12 - 13, but unfortunately we were unable to attend.

After putting the finishing touches to the basement rooms and painting the main floors, our Open House was held on Sunday, July 13, from 2 - 5. Mr. Henry Hill, Honorary Trustee; Mrs. Donald Severance, Mrs. Eggert, Mrs. William Lord, Mrs. Anderson and the Trustees were hosts for this occasion. Many people came to see the children's Reading Alcove and the transformation of the basement. Though unable to be present on this day, Mr. and Mrs. George Hill were pleased when they visited later in the summer.

Those two indefatigable ladies, Mrs. Basset and Mrs. McAdam,

again organized the Library Bridge-Tea benefit held at Crotched Mountain Ski Lodge on August 14. It was a great success, everyone enjoyed himself hugely, and the grand total amounted to \$302.80. Mrs. Dodge ran the successful Silent Auction, and Mrs. Bailey was in charge of the elegant tea. The Library is very grateful to all who helped with this happy event.

Our new meeting room was used by the committee for the Labor Day Arts and Crafts table. Here the ladies met to create many of the items to be sold. Here, also, Mrs. Standish catered the luncheon for the officials of the Labor Day celebration. We are most appreciative of the Village Improvement Society's Labor Day gift of "Doll" money.

During the summer, the Selectmen had a new roof put on the Library and since that time we have had ceiling work done, using the balance of the 1968 budget for this purpose.

In November, we attended the Fall Conference Meeting of the NHLTA in Concord. (Dinner meeting followed by Allen R. Foley "North Country Humor")

This Fall, we planned a series of classes in chair reseating with Mrs. Betty Behrsing as instructor. This was most successful and we had a full gathering.

Mrs. Anderson had a series of morning classes to show us how to make many kinds of Christmas decorations — another well-received venture.

The Brownies are meeting with their leader, Mrs. Marsden, on Tuesday afternoons.

We are working on plans for a Crewel Embroidery class, a movie program, children's story hours, and other activities — and we would welcome any ideas you may have.

In our budget for 1970, we would like to increase the item for salaries by \$200.00. We would like to have a telephone installed: most libraries have one and it would certainly facilitate library service. The figure budgeted is \$75.00.

Based on current use, we are rescheduling the hours of the Library:

Wednesday	1 - 7
Friday	4 - 7
Saturday	2 - 5

a total of 12 hours a week.

Heretofore, the Library has been open 11 1/2 hours a week in

the Winter (as Mrs. Anderson opened it at 12:30 on Wednesdays for the school children) and 10 hours in the Summer. This new schedule will be more accomodating to all — and of course if it became necessary to open a little earlier on Wednesdays again, she would.

The Librarian and Trustees hold their meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 5 p. m. and you are welcome to attend.

The New Hampshire Library Statistics (printed in 1969) shows that for the year 1968, Francestown's circulation per person was 18.3.

It is impossible to thank you all by name, for it is the members of this community — about 500 of you — who contribute to the well-being of your Library, and so through this report, we extend to you our deep gratitude.

Constance Dodge
Donald Born
Priscilla H. Kunhardt

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES **GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY** **Budget — Town Account**

	Budget 1969	1969 Expend.	1970 Budget
Salaries	\$ 800 00	\$ 800 00	\$1,000 00
Grounds and Janitor	85 00	124 00	124 00
Cleaning	25 00	3 92	60 00
Fuel	310 00	430 82	375 00
Magazines	75 00	89 50	75 00
Books	700 00	540 67	700 00
Supplies and Petty Cash	50 00	56 50*	50 00
New Equip & Repairs	250 00	321 30	250 00
Water and Lights	85 00	193 39	150 00
Bank Charges	10 00	4 35	10 00
Clerical Assistance	75 00	84 25	90 00
Records	5 60	00	5 00
Social Security — Employer	38 40	38 40	48 00
Transportation — Librarian	100 00	100 00	100 00
Telephone			75 00
Total	\$2,609 00	\$2,787 10	\$3,112 00

Plus unexpended 1968 balance to be		
used for ceiling repairs	171 60	—6 50*
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	\$2,780 60	\$2,780 60

Receipts:		
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1969		\$ 171 60
Town Appropriation		2,609 00
*Lost check		6 50
		<u> </u>
		\$2,787 10

Expenditures:		
Budget Expenditures		\$2,787 10
Balance on hand		00 00
		<u> </u>
		\$2,787 10

GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Accounts For Special Purposes

Receipts:		
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1969	\$ 635 69	
Manning and Clark Fund Trust Income	51 24	
Alison Bixby Hill Fund Trust Income	75 00	
Fine Money	24 25	
Sale of Post Cards	4 30	
Benefit Bridge - Tea	302 80	
VIS Labor Day Gift	75 00	
Gifts	205 00	
Refund: State Library Co-op book buying	185 43	
	<u> </u>	\$1,558 71

Expenditures:		
State of N. H. Co-op book buying	\$ 250 00	
Books and Magazines	554 20	
Benefit Bridge - Tea Expenses	15 00	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1969	739 51	
	<u> </u>	\$1,558 71

Savings Bank Accounts		
Peterborough Savings Bank No. 35375		
Susan Wason Memorial Fund (Dec. 18, 1969)	\$ 67 50	
Peterborough Savings Bank No. 37119		
Trans. to Building Fund	\$906 33	

Comfort Upholstering & Dec. Co.	20	19	
Eliz. Behrsing Labor & Mat'ls	67	75	
Dec. 18, 1969 Balance			124 71
Peterborough Savings Bank No. 39794			
Anne Schott Memorial			
Trans. to Building Fund	263	55	
Dec. 18, 1969 Balance	— — — —		\$ 837 71

Building Fund

Receipts:

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1969	\$2,507	11	
Trans. from Savings Account No. 37119	906	33	
(Agnes Gardner)			
Trans. from Savings Account No. 39794	263	55	
(Anne Schott Memorial)			
Gifts (Pledges)	8,534	90	
Note First National Bank	10,000	00	
State of N. H. (Federal Funds)	11,913	00	
	— — — — —		\$34,124 89

Disbursements:

Monadnock Arch. Associates	\$ 2,486	28	
Contractor: P. F. Martus, Jr. Inc.	21,636	98	
Note paid	10,000	00	
Miscellaneous	1	63	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1969	00	00	
	— — — — —		\$34,124 89

EXHIBIT E-1

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library General Fund Statement of Receipts, Expenditures and Proof of Balance Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1969

Balance—January 1, 1969	\$	171.60
Receipts During Year:		
Town Appropriation	\$ 2,609.00	
Prior Year Check Cancelled	6.50	
	<hr/>	2,615.50
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	\$	2,787.10

Expenditures During Year:

Books & Magazines	\$ 630.17	
Supplies	56.50	
Bank Charges	4.35	
Librarian's Salary	800.00	
Fuel	430.82	
Janitor	124.00	
Cleaning	3.92	
Repairs	321.30	
Water & Lights	193.39	
Transportation	100.00	
Social Security Taxes	38.40	
Clerical Assistance	84.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,787.10

Balance—December 31, 1969

\$ — 0 —

Proof of Balance

Balance in the First National Bank of Peterborough—

Per Statement December 17, 1969 \$ 380.39

Less: Outstanding Checks 380.39

Reconciled Balance—December 31, 1969

\$ — 0 —

EXHIBIT E-2
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Statement of Receipts, Expenditures and
Proof of Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1969

Balance—January 1, 1969 \$ 2,874.92

Receipts During Year:

Trust Funds	\$ 126.24	
Interest on Savings	48.51	
Fine Money	24.25	
Gifts	280.00	
Library Benefits	302.80	
Miscellaneous	4.30	
Reimbursement—State Library	185.43	
	<hr/>	971.53
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		\$ 3,846.45

Expenditures During Period:

Books & Magazines	\$ 554.20
State of New Hampshire—Library	250.00
Insurance	15.00
Transfers From Savings Accounts	1,257.82

 2,077.02

Balance—December 31, 1969

\$ 1,769.43

Proof of Balance

Balance in the First National Bank of Peterborough—

Per Statement December 23, 1969 \$ 1,208.21

Less: Outstanding Checks 468.70

 \$ 739.51
Add: Peterborough Savings Bank:

Pass Book No. 37119 \$ 124.71

39794 837.71

35375 67.50

 1,029.92

Reconciled Balance—December 31, 1969

\$ 1,769.43

EXHIBIT E-3

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

Bixby Memorial Library Building Fund Account As of December 31, 1969

Balance—January 1, 1969 \$ 2,507.11

Receipts During Year:

Transfers From Special Account \$ 1,169.88

Gifts 8,534.90

Federal Grant 11,913.00

Short Term Note Issued 10,000.00

 31,617.78

 \$34,124.89
Expenditures During Year:

Architect \$ 2,486.28

Contractor 21,636.98

Repayment of Short Term Note 10,000.00

Miscellaneous 1.63

 34,124.89

Balance—December 31, 1969

\$ - 0 -

FRANCESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Financial Report — 1969

Balance on hand January 1, 1969	\$ 258 55
Town Appropriation	1,595 00

Income:	
Phone Booth Commissions	17 55
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	\$1,871 10

Expenditures:	
Electric Power	\$ 176 88
Fuel Oil	259 65
Materials and Supplies	161 39
New Hose	299 80
Truck Repairs	97 15
Mutual Aid Charges	219 26
Heater Repairs	3 85
Gas and Oil	62 77
Radio Repairs	128 50
Water Holes — Labor	42 00
Electric Repairs and Installation	37 18
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	\$1,488 43

Reserves:	
Deferred Payments:	
Fire Watch — Udall Fire	\$ 15 00
Gas and Oil	22 13
Fuel Oil	80 82
Electric Power (Dec.)	36 51
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	\$ 154 46

Reserve for Heater Repairs	45 00
Reserve for Pumper Relief Valve	100 00
Reserve for Spanner Wrenches	20 00
Reserve for Monitor Radio	63 21
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	\$1,871 10

BUDGET

	1969 Budget	Expend. 1969	Budget 1970
Misc. — Udall Fire watch \$	00 00	\$ 15 00	\$ 00 00
Electric Power	215 00	213 39	215 00
Fuel Oil	300 00	340 47	300 00
Materials and Supplies	200 00	281 39	200 00
New Hose	250 00	299 80	275 00
Truck Repairs	125 00	97 15	125 00
Postage	5 00	00 00	5 00
Mutual Aid Charges	225 00	219 26	225 00
Heater Repairs	45 00	48 85	45 00
Gas and Oil	75 00	84 90	75 00
Radio Repairs	75 00	128 50	75 00
Water Holes — Labor	40 00	42 00	40 00
Electric Repairs and Inst.	30 00	37 18	00 00
Bank Charges	10 00	00 00	00 00
Telephone	00 00	00 00	103 00
Monitor Radio	00 00	63 21	00 00
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	\$1,595 00	\$1,871 10	\$1,683 00

Fire Warden's Report

Less fortunate than our northern towns, we had too many fires. Carelessness in burning trash and discarding smoking material and children playing with fire caused most of the fires. Your Forest Fire Warden's job would be easier if everyone understood the State laws that govern the kindling of outdoor fires. A synopsis of these laws follow:

Fire Permit

A *fire permit* is needed for all outdoor fires in or near woodland anytime the ground is not covered with snow. This includes household waste burning, even if in an incinerator, grass burning, garden trash as well as brush burning. Such burning is restricted by regulation to be *prior to 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p. m.*

Exceptions

Commercial or industrial burning is allowed anytime under nor-

mal conditions with permission of the District Chief and a permit from the Fire Warden.

Camp or cooking fires are allowed on your own property with permission of the Fire Warden. On another's property with written permission of the landowner and permission of the Fire Warden. The Warden can forbid such fires if in a hazardous area. Permits for cooking fires in the White Mountain National Forest can be obtained from the Laconia Office or at the Ranger Stations. Permits are not required in public camp or picnic grounds where fireplaces have been built for this purpose.

Penalties

1. For kindling a fire without a permit. Maximum of \$200.00 fine; or imprisonment for not more than 60 days.

2. For kindling a fire by any means wilfully or recklessly that shall endanger woodlands the maximum fine is \$500.00 or year's imprisonment.

3. For failure to totally extinguish a camp or cooking fire before leaving it the same penalties as in (1) above.

4. For dropping inflammable material in or near woodland, maximum fine is \$25.00.

Fire prevention is a personal matter and a good habit. Keep our town free from smokes in 1970.

Fires reported — State	453
Fires reported — District	95

RICHARD F. LEAVITT

Forest Fire Warden

WINTHROP H. HANNAFORD

District Chief

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my Annual report for the year ending December 31, 1969.

Radar Main Street	
Speeding, court cases	14
Speeding, warnings	28
Accidents reported	18
Complaints	24
Arrests	5
Licenses Suspended	2
Breaking and Entering	
Stolen Items and Skis	11
Calls for Assistance and	
Emergency messages delivered	10
Dog Complaints	12
Missing persons and lost persons	3
Hit and Run	1

I wish to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the Selectmen, State Police for their assistance and use of Radar, and the citizens of Francestown for their help and cooperation given me during the year.

Ski Doo owners please adhere to the laws governing their use.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman J. Steward,
Chief of Police

EXHIBIT H TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

Cemetery Association Statement of Receipts and Expenditures Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1969

Balance—January 1, 1969		\$	117.58	
Receipts During Period:				
Town Appropriation	\$	300.00		
Trustees of Trust Funds		1,800.04		
Other		12.00		
			<u>2,112.04</u>	
			\$ 2,229.62	
Expenditures During Period:				
Electricity	\$	22.20		
Care of Grounds		2,037.54		
Supplies & Services		157.60		
			<u>2,217.34</u>	
Balance—December 31, 1969				\$ 12.28
Proof of Balance				
Balance in the Souhegan National Bank—				
Per Statement November 19, 1969	\$	15.98		
Less: Outstanding Checks		3.70		
			<u>12.28</u>	
Reconciled Balance—December 31, 1969				\$ 12.28

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Francestown, N. H., on December 31, 1969

PRINCIPAL INCOME

Date of Creation	Name and Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Withdrawn	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Amount During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
1954	Co-Mingled Fund "A" Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	5,825 00			\$ 5,825.00	2,388 12	\$ 422.97	\$ 545.00	\$2,266.09
1954	Co-Mingled Fund "B" Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	3,609 28			3,609.28	1,621 89	281.56	350.00	1,553.45
1952	Levi Woodbury Fund, Educational	Savings Bank	1,128 00			1,128.00	44 52	64.78		1,093.30
1954	George F. Pettee Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	200 00			200.00	84 08	14.59	20.00	78.67
1954	Vose and Blake Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	450 00			450.00	123 66	29.67	30.00	133.33
1956	Minnie P. Newton Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	100 00			100.00	20 07	6.18	5.00	21.25
1956	N. and N. Pearson Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	200 00			200.00	67 79	13.73	20.00	61.52
1957	Abbott and Bryant Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	300 00			300.00	118 93	21.48	30.00	110.41
1957	Morrill-Gorman-Desrochers Cemetery	Savings Bank	500 00			500.00	137 75	33.03	30.00	140.78
1957	Hall and McKinley Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	100 00			100.00	31 59	6.72	10.00	38.31
1962	James T. Woodbury Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	150 00			150.00	38 64	9.73	10.00	38.37
1962	Forrest N. Nichols Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	100 00			100.00	24 52	6.33	10.00	20.85
1962	N. and T. Stewart Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	130 34	6.83		137.17	24 52	6.33	10.00	20.85
1962	Bertil Anderson Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	100 00			100.00	14 35	5.91	5.00	15.26
1963	Walter D. Williams Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	200 00			200.00	37 53	12.51		50.06
1964	Bertha D. Williams Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	150 00			150.00	18 93	5.76	5.00	22.71
1966	William B. Rice, Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	100 00			100.00	8 67	5.71		14.38
1968	Abbie A. Dodge Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	8,890 18	100.00		8,890.18	262 09	532.52	720.04	74.57
1969	Everett D. Phillips, Cemetery Care	Savings Bank	122,332.80	\$106.83		\$22,439.63	\$5,043.17	\$1,482.51	\$1,800.04	\$4,750.16

*Trust Fund established to have interest added to principal until instructed otherwise.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

1962	Town History	Savings Bank	292 10		\$ 292.10	100 68	\$ 19.99	\$ 5.32	\$ 114.85
1956	Town Buildings	Savings Bank	12 00		12.00	17 68	1.53		19.21
1955	Replacement Fire Trucks	Savings Bank		\$300.00	300.00	224 08	12.72		236.80
1960	Town Hall	Savings Bank			4,138.22	164 57	226.72		391.29
1960	Road Equipment	Savings Bank	4,138 22		3,271.51	1,519 01	252.43		1,771.44
1958	New Cemetery Sales	Savings Bank	3,271 51		675.00	114 07	34.29		148.36
1961	Civil Defense	Savings Bank	600 00	75.00	100.00	32 06	6.93		38.99
1965	Replacement Fire Dept. Radios	Savings Bank	100 00	200.00	575.00	59 85	21.09		80.94
			375 00						
			\$8,788.83	\$575.00	\$9,363.83	\$2,232.00	\$575.70	\$ 5.32	\$2,801.88

()	George H. Bixby Library Fund	Savings Bank	1,025 00		1,025 00		55.51	51.24	4.27
()	George H. Bixby Library Fund	Coop Bank	1,500 00		1,500 00				
			\$2,525.00		\$2,525.00		\$ 55.51	\$51.24	\$ 4.27

•• Trustees of Trust Funds custodians of principal only.

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

HAROLD A. VARNUM
CLIFTON F. FOOTE
F. RUSSELL ABBOTT
Trustees

EXHIBIT I **TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN** **Statement of Long Term Indebtedness, Showing Annual** **Maturities of Principal and Interest** **As of December 31, 1969**

Amount of Issue Date of Issue Principal Payable Date Interest Payable Dates Payable at	Town Hall Improvement Notes 3%		Caskie Bridge Notes 3%		Mill Village Bridge 3%		Fire Truck Note 4 1/4 %	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
	\$14,000.00		\$12,000.00		\$13,625.00		\$8,500.00	
February 1, 1962			June 1, 1962 and		May 20, 1966		August 24, 1968	
December 31			June 17, 1963		May 20		August 24	
June 30 & Dec. 31			June 1		Nov. 20 and May 20		Feb. 24 & Aug. 24	
Souhegan National			June 1 & Dec. 1		Souhegan National		Souhegan National	
Bank, Milford, N.H.			Bank, Milford, N.H.		Bank, Milford, N.H.		Bank, Milford, N.H.	
Maturities—Fiscal Year Ending:	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
	Total	Principal	Total	Principal	Total	Principal	Total	Principal
December 31, 1970	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 182.50	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 136.83	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 198.75	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 258.54
December 31, 1971	1,000.00	152.09	1,000.00	106.42	2,000.00	138.75	2,000.00	172.36
December 31, 1972	1,000.00	121.66	1,000.00	76.25	2,000.00	78.75	2,000.00	85.95
December 31, 1973	1,000.00	91.25	1,000.00	45.58	1,625.00	24.37		
December 31, 1974	1,000.00	60.84	1,000.00	15.25				
December 31, 1975	1,000.00	30.41						
	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 638.75	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 380.33	\$ 7,625.00	\$ 440.62	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 516.85
							\$ 24,625.00	\$ 1,976.55

EXHIBIT J
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Town Officers' Surety Bonds
1969

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Term Beginning</i>
<i>Town Treasurer:</i>			
Herman C. Miller			
New Hampshire Insurance Company	85-18-90	\$15,000.00	March 11, 1969
<i>Tax Collector:</i>			
Catherine H. Abbott			
Hartford Accident and Indemnity Co.	3436474-H	\$15,000.00	March 11, 1969
<i>Town Clerk:</i>			
Herman C. Miller			
New Hampshire Insurance Company	85-48-33	\$ 4,000.00	March 11, 1969
<i>Trustees of Trust Funds:</i>			
Harold A. Varnum			
New Hampshire Insurance Company	86-59-90	\$ 6,000.00	March 11, 1969
F. Russell Abbott			
New Hampshire Insurance Company	88-43-11	\$ 6,000.00	March 12, 1968
Clifton F. Foote			
New Hampshire Insurance Company	92-76-28	\$ 6,000.00	March 12, 1967

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

The Town's new fire truck with a 750 GPM pump and other equipment required by the National Board of Underwriters was delivered in February. All volunteer firemen have been oriented in the proper use of the new equipment.

Much needed ground work and the construction of a new diamond on the Little League baseball field was accomplished in April by volunteer labor and financial aid from the Village Improvement Society.

The roof of the George Holmes Bixby Library Building was replaced in June, including the necessary flashing around the chimneys, under the supervision of the Selectmen. The Library Trustees authorized the work of repairing several of the ceilings throughout the building. Much of this work was completed during December.

The new mobile police radio conforming to the new State Police regulations was installed on the car of the Chief of Police in June.

On Sunday, July 13th, the new rooms in the basement of the Library Building and the Children's Reading Alcove on the first floor in memory of Anne Schott were opened to the public. The new Arts and Crafts and Meeting Room has been in use many times since for meetings and for classes in chair caning, the making of Christmas decorations, etc. Plans are in the making for other arts and crafts groups.

The so-called Bicknell Bridge was replaced during the month of July.

During July the New England Telephone Company completed the cutover of service for Francestown residents from New Boston to Greenfield exchange, bringing the subscribers into the Peterborough Exchange. At this time the Company buried most of its plant underground, improving the appearance of the center of Town.

In October the 4-H Club working with the Town Beautification Committee of the Village Improvement Society planted yews in the triangle in the center of town, and did much needed pruning of the shrubbery in front of the Town Hall. This shrubbery was planted by the Village Improvement Society several years ago. The

Beautification Committee also planted several bulbs around the old watering trough on the triangle.

The Tennis Courts, owned and maintained by the Village Improvement Society, have been resurfaced. It was also voted at their October meeting to continue the maintenance of the skating rink on the land where the former Colburn Store once stood.

At its annual meeting, the Village Improvement Society voted to underwrite the expense of restoring the old Town Hearse. The Historian is attempting to uncover some information about this hearse. She was told that there were two hearses, one for summer use and one for winter use. It is assumed the one being restored is the one once used during the summer months. It is presently stored in the Hearse House located in No. 3 cemetery. The Hearse House Statement included in the Town Report for year ending 1908 reported that \$100.00 had been appropriated for work on the building; that the work of turning the old hearse house, lumber for building a leanto, painting, grading etc. cost \$97.50, leaving a balance in favor of the Town of \$2.50. No record has been found as to when this hearse was last used, but it is assumed that with the appearance of automobiles in town during the early part of the twentieth century, more modern means of transportation were adopted.

In October Paul T. Martz of Dayton, Ohio accepted a call to the Community Church. The Women's Guild of the church contributed the money necessary to modernize the kitchen of the parsonage, preparing it for the occupancy of Mr. and Mrs. Martz.

The Town clock, a product of the E. Howard Clock Company of Waltham, Massachusetts was cleaned and repaired in November. Checking back through old town reports, the Historian found a record in the Town Report for year ending 1912 given by the Town Treasurer as follows:

Amount raised for clock	\$265 00
Received from Alumni Committee	160 22
Paid the E. Howard Clock Co.	470 81
Balance against town	45 59

The Town Dump Road was resurfaced in November, making the dump more accessible particularly during the winter and spring months. The work of widening Bible Hill Road has been in progress. The resurfacing is yet to be done.

The voters checklist as of December 31, 1969 showed 350 qualified voters.

The 1969 estimated population of Francestown was 561 as reported by the State Department of Resources and Economic Development.

To the best of my knowledge, the following Francestown men were serving in the United States Military Service during 1969:

FP 4 Donald Abbott	Sgt. Kenneth A. Hardwick
Col. James D. Caskie	Capt. Robert C. Lord
Lt. James D. Caskie, Jr.	Sp/4 Charles J. McCarthy, Jr.
MM 3/C Ransom E. Cowles	ETR 2 George W. Morgan
Discharged Oct. 10, 1969	Discharged Nov. 15, 1969
1st Lt. Jack Curran	Lt. jg Kimball Prince
1/Cpl. Dale Daignault	PFC James Putnam
SP/4 Charles Eggert, Jr.	Capt. Herbert R. Vadney
Seaman Douglas Foster	AQF 3 Matthew Varnum

Respectfully submitted,
Constance Dodge, Town Historian

REPORT OF BICENTENNIAL AND TOWN HISTORY COMMITTEE

One meeting was held this year, on July 23, to review the Committee's progress to date. The Committee decided to give initial attention to collecting information for the up-dated Town History, rather than at this early date to concentrate on planning the Town's Bicentennial Celebration

Following this meeting, a questionnaire was circulated to 97 owners of some of the older houses in town requesting a variety of information on these houses for inclusion in the Town History. Regrettably, only twelve replies have so far been received. It is hoped, however, that more will complete this questionnaire during the coming year. It is also hoped that residents with material which would help the Committee in preparing the Town History — maps, photographs, family memorabilia, and other documents — will make them available to committee members as soon as possible.

With the Committee's encouragement, the Village Improvement Society has offered \$50 in prize money for an essay contest for the children of Francestown to arouse interest in the town history project and the bicentennial celebration. Rules are to be announced early in the new year.

In 1970, the Committee expects to develop specific plans for the Bicentennial Celebration itself, and to have a first draft of the up-dated Town History completed.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence Farrar
Clifton Foote
Arthur Lord
Donald A. Marsden
John Schott, Chairman
Evelyn F. Vadney
Constance Dodge, ex-officio

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Brush clearing has been done to open the roadside view of the Soapstone Quarry, certainly a point of historic interest and a dramatic feature of the landscape.

We have worked with children on various natural science projects; and one member attended a workshop, sponsored by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, on outdoor children's program's which will help us in planning future activities in conservation for young people.

We were represented at the Governor's Conference on Natural Resources: Nuclear Power-Benefits and Risks; and at the hearing before the New Hampshire Pesticides Control Board — the use of DDT and other chlorinated hydrocarbon pesticides.

The members of the Commission gave the Library memberships in the New Hampshire Audubon Society, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, and the New England Wild Flower Preservation Society. These organizations are extremely active in conservation, and the Library receives their publications which include lists of activities such as field trips and classes as well as current information on conservation and legislative action.

Respectfully submitted,

Liesel Gilman
Priscilla H. Kunhardt
Caroline M. Lord

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DIVISION OF RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT**

WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST CONTROL

Blister Rust Control Area in Town	15,987 Acres
Pine Area	10,284 Acres
Area Detailed Mapped	15,987 Acres
Area Now on Maintenance	15,987 Acres
Work coming up in 1970, Maintenance	1,088 Acres
Recommended Appropriation 1970	\$125 00
November 1, 1969	

L. A. Hackett,
District Supervisor

Marriages Registered in the Town of Francestown for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1969

<i>Date of Place of Marriage</i>	<i>Name and Surname of Groom and Bride</i>	<i>Residence of each at time of Marriage</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Place of Birth</i>	<i>Name of Parents</i>	<i>Birthplace of Parents</i>	<i>Name and Residence of Person By Whom Married</i>
Jan. 18 Wilton	James Christopher Gibbons Carol Davis Clark	Wilton	18	New Hampshire	Bernard M. Gibbons Gabrielle Bergeron	New Hampshire Canada	Rev. Paul P. Clark Clergyman Wilton, N. H.
Feb. 15 New Boston	John David Harder Ellen May Oppenheimer	Lebanon	17	New Hampshire	Stuart F. Davis Priscilla Davis	New Hampshire Massachusetts	Rev. Gerald Fitzgerald Priest New Boston, N. H.
Apr. 14 Manchester	Arthur George Collier Beverly Ann Hughes	Francestown	26	Massachusetts	John P. Harder Margaret Strong	New York Virginia	Chester C. Eaton Justice of the Peace Manchester, N. H.
May 5 Francestown	Charles Louis Wagner Frances Karg	Greenfield	32	New Hampshire	John S. Oppenheimer Elizabeth Cushman	China	R. Franklin Mace Justice of the Peace Francestown, N. H.
July 19 Francestown	David Arthur Bowen Brenda Lee Dutton	Warren, N. J.	66	Germany	Nelson L. Collier Margaret Lavigne	New Hampshire Massachusetts	Richard Allen Day Clergyman Peterboro, N. H.
June 22 Francestown	Jerry Florette Cilley Gertrude Clara Waters	Bloomfield, N. J.	62	Germany	John A. Hughes Kathleen McBriarty	Massachusetts	R. Franklin Mace Justice of the Peace Francestown, N. H.
Nov. 7 Antrim	John Howard Ayers Norma Jean Barton	Francestown	22	New Hampshire	Louis Wagner Diana Schwager	Germany	William J. Clark Pastor Antrim, N. H.
Nov. 22 Bennington	Harry Bartlett Hardwick Marie Marcoux Davis	Francestown	26	Massachusetts	John S. Oppenheimer Elizabeth Cushman	New Hampshire	Rev. Eugene Boutin Priest Bennington, N. H.

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Births Registered in the Town of Francestown for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1969

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents
Feb. 25	Peterborough	Gayle Anne Hyde	John Francis Hyde, Jr.	Priscilla Ellen Putnam	Francestown
July 1	Peterborough	Jonathan Edward Irwin	Edward Johnson Irwin	Marion Ruth Sidelmker	Francestown
Nov. 6	Peterborough	Matthew Scott Farham	Edwin Otis Farham	Rita Jo Anne Ludwig	Francestown

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Deaths Registered in the Town of Francestown for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1969

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
March 24	Peterborough	Victor Lovinski White	71	Massachusetts	W Herbert White	Ida L. Severance
May 22	Peterborough	Marion Gertrude Hopkins	69	New Hampshire	W H. Bertrand Hopkins	Anna S. Hart
May 28	Francestown	James Austin Liddell	70	Massachusetts	W James Liddell	Gertrude Austin
May 29	Peterborough	Clayton Frederick Foote	70	New Hampshire	W Frederick Foote	Susan Phippen
June 16	Concord	Harold J. Simpson II	51	Massachusetts	W Burleigh Simpson	Marie Patenaude
Aug. 6	Peterborough	Grace M. McCreedy	81	Canada	W James Grant	Mamre Cox
Aug. 10	Francestown	Charles Joseph McCarty	52	Massachusetts	W John McCarthy	Rose Foster
Dec. 1	Peterborough	Edna Abbie Ireland	69	Massachusetts	W George Albert Demeritt	Cora Pyne

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